## **EXHIBIT "J"**



## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION**

CASE NO.: C-1-01-641

**Q & R ASSOCIATES, INC.,** 

Plaintiff,

**V**5.

DEPOSITION

UNIFI, INC., et al,

Defendants.



WITNESS: RONALD LEE SMITH

**TAKEN AT THE OFFICES OF: UNIFI TECHNICAL FABRICS, LLC** 7201 West Friendly Avenue Greensboro, NC 27401

**DATE: 2-23-04** TIME: 12:25 P.M.

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- was calling on that AVGOL was going to acquire --1
- or was looking to acquire our non-woven facility. 2
- He had gotten a call from a customer saying they 3
- had heard that from the AVGOL representative and
- that he was furious about that. And I think from 5
- that point, that's when he blew up the 6
- negotiations and said, "You guys are doing damage 7
- to the business, and I can't let it move forward." 8
- And we were asked to take a look to see if we 9
- could put it back on track. 10
- Okay. You said "he blew up the 11
- negotiations." What did you mean by that? 12
- Purely from a "what I had heard" 13
- perspective, Mike had had a conversation on e-mail 14
- with Moshe that wasn't very professional. Because 15
- when I finally talked to Moshe, Moshe said, "I 16
- don't understand why Mike is so upset." So I 17
- wasn't getting the fact that Mike was upset from 18
- 19 I got it from AVGOL that Mike was upset Mike.
- about something and that he had cut off the 20
- negotiations and said, "This is it. We're not 21
- doing -- we're not moving forward with this." 22
- Was that in your telephone call with 23 Q.
- Moshe at the end of March of 2001? 24
- In the end of March, yeah. 25 Α.

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- 1 A. No. It would have been -- if we
- 2 presented something to the board, I would guess it
- 3 would be in the board notes or the board minutes,
- but that would be the only place I would know to
- 5 look for it.
- 6 Q. By the middle of March of 2001, what is
- 7 your understanding of the status of the
- 8 discussions on the UTF deal with AVGOL?
- 9 MR. WENDLING: Objection.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Off track, Mike's
- 11 upset over the rumor, don't -- thinks they're just
- playing games, and we were looking at evaluating
- AVGOL as to whether or not they were serious -- a
- 14 serious buyer or not.
- Q. (Mr. Packard) I've heard words like
- "resurrect" and "blow up the deal." Was the deal
- 17 dead by mid-March 2001?
- MR. WENDLING: Objection.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- Q. (Mr. Packard) Okay. Why do you say
- 21 that it was dead?
- 22 A. I think from Mike's perspective, he was
- walking away from the deal. He said, "This is --
- I don't think you guys are going to do the deal,
- you're not -- you're not -- the rumor is out.

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